

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 12-18 are pending. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended. Claims 10, 11 and 19-35 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 102

The Patent Office rejected Claims 1, 2, 10, 32 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Morris, U.S. Patent No. 6,850,091 (Morris).

Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 103

The Patent Office rejected Claims 3-9, 34 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morris, U.S. Patent No. 6,850,091 (Morris).

Applicant respectfully traverses both rejections. However, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 10 and 11. Consequently, claims 1-9 and 12-18 are believed allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Patent Office stated claims 11-18 were objected to as being dependent upon an allowable base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

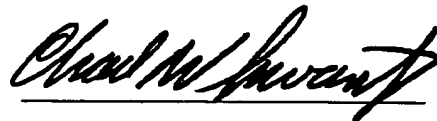
Thank you.

CONCLUSION

In light of the forgoing amendments and arguments, reconsideration of the claims is hereby requested, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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